

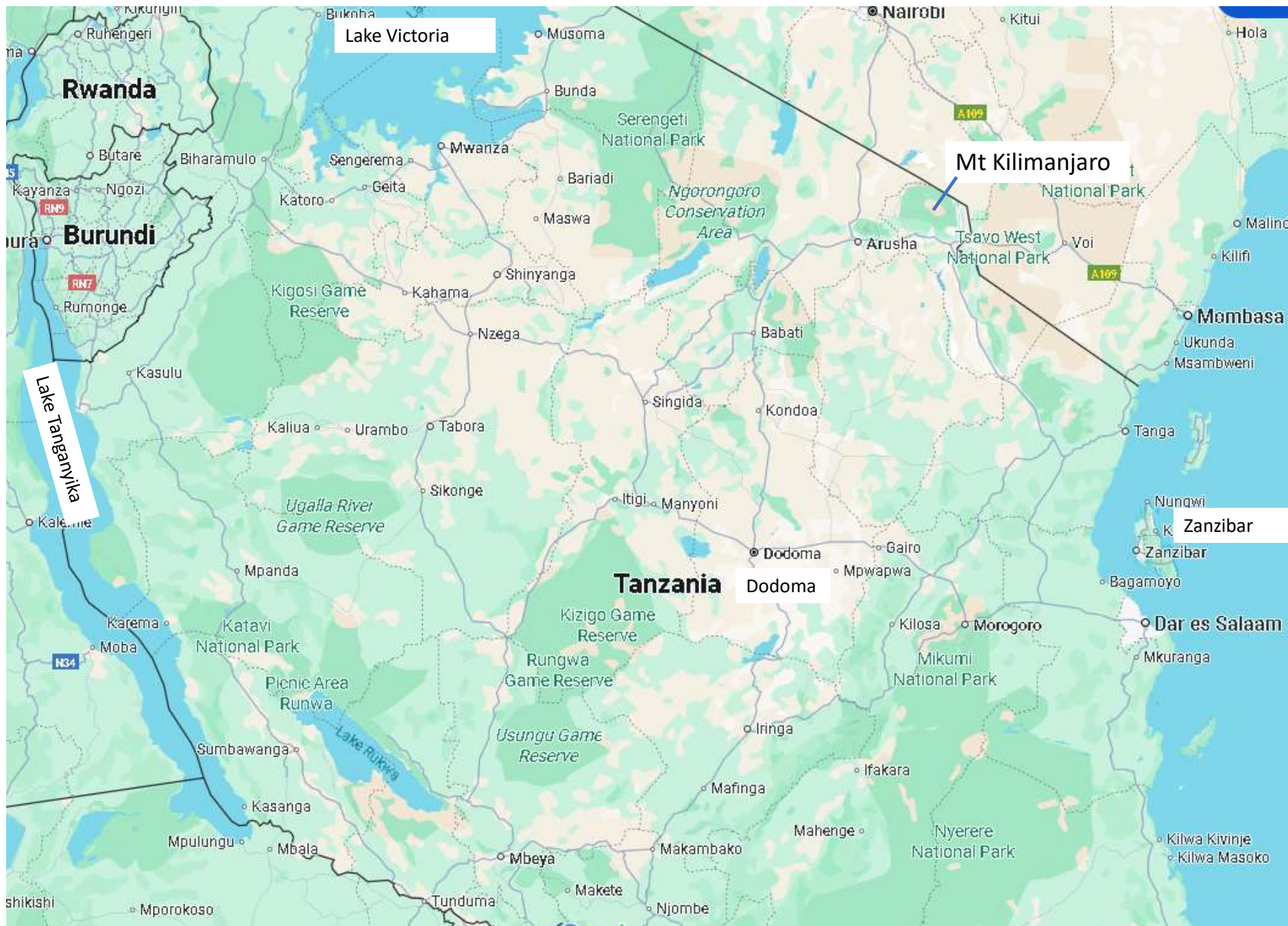
Tanzania  
TSC Fall Expedition Trip  
Oct 30 – Nov 10, 2026

Core Trip: Nov 1 – 9, 2026

Adding 1 night pre and 1 night post: Oct 30 – Nov 10      CLASC est \$7150 / \$5660

- All meals (except lunch & dinner on added days)
- 2 full day + 2 half-day safari tours
- Optional tours on Day 2 in Arusha
  
- Post trip option: Zanzibar 4 days, Nov 9-12 \$960 (plus tips and Zanzibar 'visa')
  
- Multiple Entry Visa required. \$100 per person, valid for 90 days.







## Get to know Tanzania:

Tanzania is home to the highest and lowest points on the African continent:

Top of Mt. Kilimanjaro at 19,341 ft, and the lowest point, the floor of Lake Tanganyika, at 4,826 ft below sea level.

Many important hominid fossils have been found. It is one of the oldest continuously inhabited areas on Earth. The Olduvai Gorge, in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, features important collections with remnants of tools. (We will visit there on Day 7) As of 2024, with 67.5 million people, Tanzania is the most populous country in the world that is entirely south of equator.

Originally two countries, Tanganyika and Zanzibar Archipelago, they were under British rule after WWI. They became independent in 1961 and 1963, respectively, and merged in 1964 to form the United Republic of Tanzania. It is still a member of the British Commonwealth. It is a presidential, constitutional republic, and currently has a female president. It is considered to be one of the safest and most politically stable countries on the continent.

Over 100 languages are spoken. It does not have an 'official language', but the national language is Swahili. English is used for foreign trade and diplomacy, in higher courts, and for instruction in secondary and higher education. Arabic is spoken in Zanzibar.

Christianity is the largest religion, with substantial Muslim and Animist minorities.

The vast majority of mineral exports are gold. It also exports gemstones, including diamonds and tanzanite. Tanzania heavily agricultural, with 80% of the population engaging in subsistence farming. Approximately 68% of the population lives below the poverty line of \$1.25 a day.

Currently, \$1 USD = 2500 Tanzania Shillings TZS.

Ok - but, why are we going there?

Tanzania contains around 20% of the species of Africa's enormous warm-blooded animals. There are 21 National parks and reserves, 1 conservation area and 3 marine parks. 1/3 of Tanzania land mass is protected area.

The Big Five: lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo, rhino. All 5 in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

Note: The Great Migration happens in late January – February.

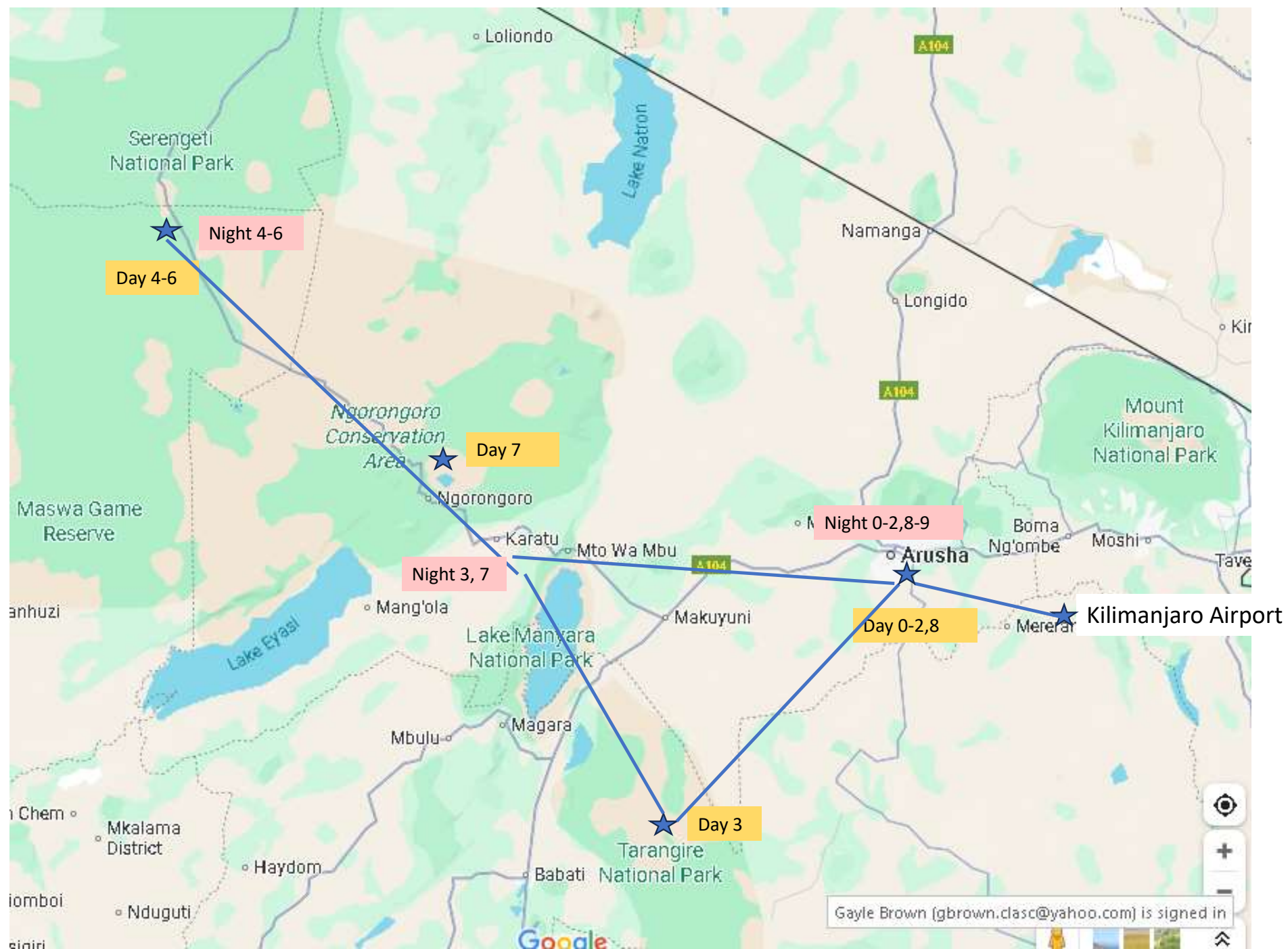
## Weather

Rainy season: Long Rain (maskia) March to May. The Short Rains (vuli) November to mid January.

Dry season June to October.

So, we will be at the end of the dry season. The bonus is that the animals are coming to the water areas.

Highs and lows for Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Arusha 59/86, 61/83 Karatu: 60/85, 61/82 Serengeti (Seronera) 60 / 89, 59/86



**How to get there:**

Air to Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO, 1:20 hour drive to Arusha. (Bus is included in the ground package.)

Flights arrive late at night or early next morning. Tours start on Day 2, Nov 2.

Therefore, I am adding 1 extra night, departing Oct 30, so you're not trying to get up the next morning to start tours.

(Extra hotel night is \$175 per person, includes breakfast.)



Best option for flights are Delta/KLM/Air France, 2025 price: \$1253 Economy (2 bags)

Oct 30, depart IAH at 4:30 pm, with 2:30 layover in Amsterdam, arrive Kilimanjaro JRO at 8:30 pm on Oct 31. 20 hours. Puts you at the hotel in Arusha at ~11:30 pm.

Return on Nov 9, flight departs at 1:25 am, 1:20 layover in Paris, arrive IAH 1:55 pm. So, leave the hotel at 9:00 pm on Nov 8, after the Farewell party (or also add 1 extra night on end.)

Next best - offered in package from Tour Operator -

Turkish Air, 2025 price \$1318

Turkish Air departs IAH 10:05 pm on Oct 30, 1:25 layover in Istanbul, arrive JRO 2:30 am Nov 1. 22 hours. Puts you at the hotel in Arusha 5:30 am. 22 hours

Return on Nov 9 at 6:10 am, 1:35 layover in Istanbul, arrive IAH at 7:10 pm. So, leave the hotel at 1:45 am on Nov 9, after the Farewell party (or also add 1 extra night on end.)

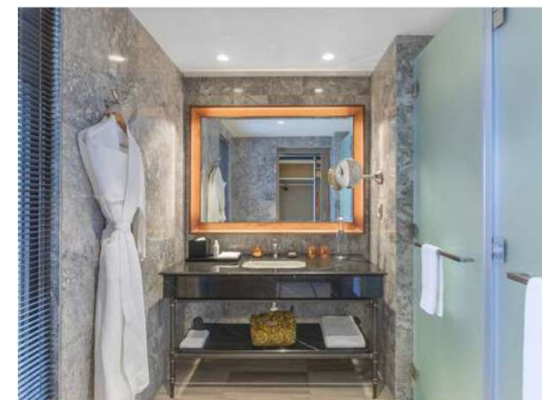
Other option is Qatar Airways, \$1374, with even worse times. 15-hour layover in Doha.



## Day 0-1-2

Lodging: **Arusha Gran Melia Arusha**  
Luxury Class, 35 double rooms

Day 0 lodging would only include breakfast.  
All other days are full board.





### Day 3

Lodging: Acacia Farm Lodge, Karatu  
Luxury Class, 35 double rooms



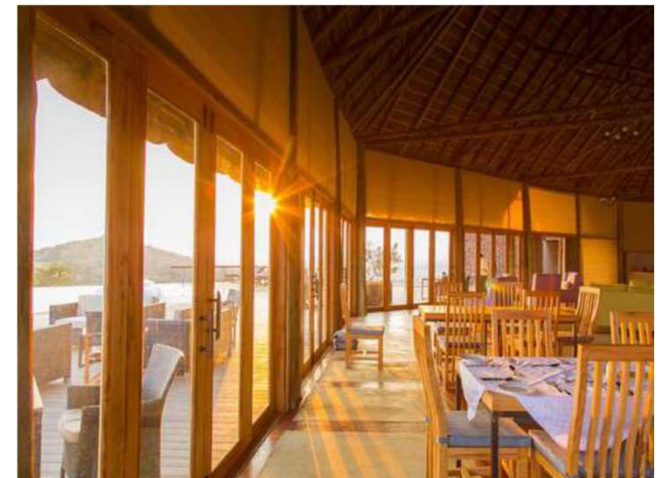


## Day 4-6

Lodging: Lahia Tented Lodge, Serengeti NP  
Luxury Class, 35 double rooms

## NOTE:

Due to total TSC numbers, there will be other nearby lodging also used, TBD



## Day 7

Lodging: (Ngorongoro Crater)

Return to Acacia Farm Lodge, Karatu



## Day 8

Lodging: Return to Gran Melia Arusha





## Touring:

### Day 1

Arrival day in Arusha area.



## Touring: Day 2

Optional tours in Arusha area. Min #18 for each tour.

Welcome Party (dinner)

Activity	Cost	Location
Masai Market & Art Gallery	\$50	Arusha Town
Snake Park	\$20	Meserani - Arusha
Day Hike to Mt. Kilimanjaro	\$180	Marangu, Mt Kilimanjaro Gate
Horse - Wildlife Day Ride	\$150	Dolly - Estate - USA River
Arusha Giraffe Centre	\$55	Arusha





**Our Vehicles:** Fleet of 14+ Toyota Land Cruiser 7-seaters (pop-tops).  
VHF radio, fridge and charging ports. Max 5 guests per jeep for comfort.

These will be used all week, as every day has some time spent in one of the parks.



### **Touring: Day 3**

Tarangire National Park

### **Activities Day 3**

Drive to **Tarangire National Park** (Drive time: 2:00)

Come with us as we look for lions, elephants and so much more amid the baobab trees and classic safari scenery of **Tarangire National Park**. Picnic lunch.

Check in at the Lodge, **Acacia Farm Lodge**, Karatu (drive time:1:45 )





## Touring: Day 4-6

### Serengeti National Park



## Activities Day 4

Drive to **Serengeti National Park** (Drive time: 2:25)

You'll enjoy the safari experience of a lifetime on your guided game drive through **Serengeti National Park**. A guide will help you look for big cats, elephants and more as you drive through so many classic safari landscapes. Picnic lunch.

Check into the lodge

## Activity Day 5

Full Day Game Drive, **Serengeti National Park**

All Day - 6 - 7 Hours

## Activity Day 6

Full Day Game Drive, **Serengeti National Park**

All Day - 6 - 7 Hours









**Touring: Day 7**  
Ngorongoro Crater

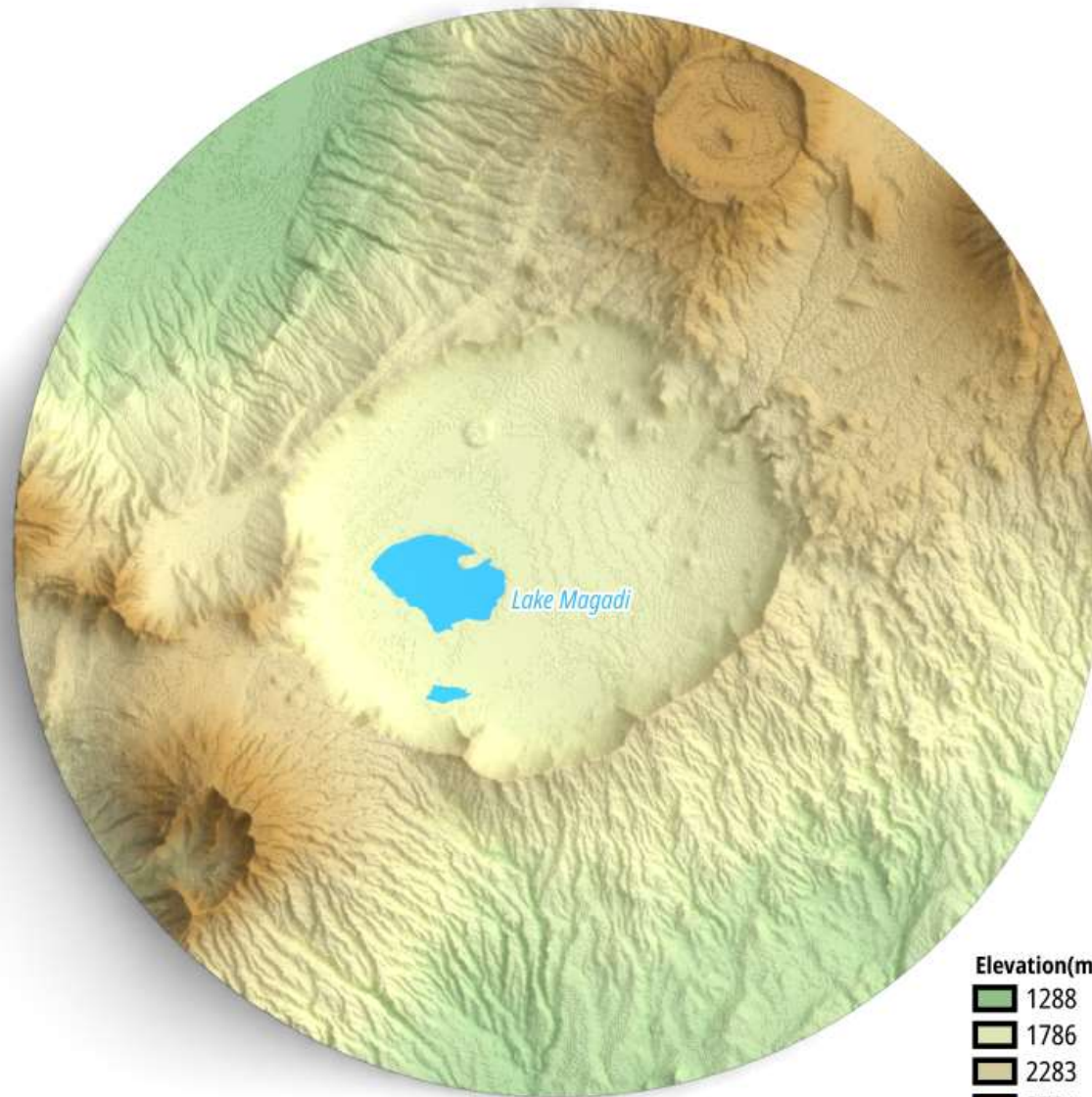
Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest inactive and intact volcanic caldera.  
The volcano was active from 2 to 3 million years ago.

**Activities Day 7**

Drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area (Drive time: 4:40)  
Crater tour, **Ngorongoro Crater**

Return to Karatu, Acacia Farm Lodge (drive time: 1:30)





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**Touring: Day 8**  
Arusha



**Activities Day 8**  
Drive to **Arusha** (Drive time: 2:30)

Relaxing at the hotel, **Gran Melia Arusha**

Farewell Dinner, **Gran Melia Arusha**



**Touring: Day 9**

Core trip plan - Departure Day

Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport to fly home. Flights leaving at 01:25 am

CLASC option: Relax, tour Arusha. Depart for airport after dinner.

**Touring: Day 10**

Departure Day

Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport to fly home.

**Optional Post Trip: Zanzibar Beach Escape, 4 days**

Dates: Nov 9-12

Cost: \$960 (plus tips and Zanzibar 'visa' TBD)

Highlights: Stone Town tour, spice farm, dolphins, 4\* resort